TILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received reports regarding sale of canvas and other matrials from Kanpur Mills of NTC in an irregular way and/or beyond the normal selling norms;

(b) whether the matter was referred to an investigating agency for fixing the charges against officers and members of Board of Directors;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) how many officers have been so charged for their involvement in the case; and

(e) what further action is being contemplated?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The matter regarding sale of canvas was investigated by the CBI who have registered a case against 8 officers including Director (Commercial) of NTC (UP).

Rail corridor facility through Bangladesh territory *to li*nk West Bengal with the North Eastern Region

383. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: SHRI K. GOPALAN;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has renewed its proposal to have a rail corridor facility through Bangladesh territory to link West Bengal with the North Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Bangladesh Government thereto?

THE MINISTERI OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The subject is still being considered.

Karakoram Highway

384. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: SHRI T. R. BALU;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chinese are making many improvements in Karakoram Highway; and

(b) what steps Government have taken in view of India's security environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The Chinese News Agency, Xinhua, reported on the 12-4-87 that the 450 km section of the Karakoram Highway between the Khunjerab Pass and Kashgar was being reconstructed by China to improve traffic conditions and facilitate the exchange of tourists. According to this report, the construction work started last year and would be completed by the end of 1988.

(b) Government takes all appropriate steps for ensuring India's security.

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385. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : **क्या वस्त्र** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मंत्रालय के अधीन ऐसे कौन-कौन से उपक्रम हैं जिनसे हिन्दी के प्रयोग के संबंध में अद्यतन तिमाही प्रतिवेदन प्राप्त हो गये हैं तथा कौन कौन से उपक्रमों से प्रतिवेदन प्राप्त नहीं हुये हैं ;

(ख) कौन-कौन से उपक्रमों ने वार्षिक कार्यक्रमों को पूर्णतया पूरा कर दिया है ; और कौन-कौन से उपक्रमों ने उसे अधूरा पूरा किया है तथा कौन-कौन से उपक्रम